

Appl. No. 09/653,023
Amtd. Dated September 7, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 26, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

In the Final Office Action of August 26, 2004, the Examiner indicated that claims 19 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, applicants have cancelled pending claims 17-32 and represented the subject matter of claims 19 and 28 as new independent claims 33 and 38, respectively. Claims 33 and 38 include all of the limitations of claims 19 and 28 and all of the limitations of their respective base claims and intervening claims. Applicants have also corrected the informalities objected to by the Examiner in the original claims 19 and 28. No new matter has been added.

Applicants also submit new dependent claims 34-37 which are dependent upon new independent claim 33 and new dependent claims 39-42 which are dependent upon new independent claim 38. Since these dependent claims are dependent upon the new independent claims 33 and 38, they should also represent allowable subject matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned at 609 951-2522. Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees which may be required, except the issue fee, to Deposit Account 14-0627.

Respectfully submitted,



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